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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Varela DATE TYPED 2/17/05 HB 870

SHORT TITLE County Disaster Relief Assistance SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$150.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 870 appropriates \$150,000 from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for county disaster relief assistance.

#### Significant Issues

According to DFA, within the Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management, there is a Disaster Assistance Program that helps provide financial assistance from the Governor's Disaster Relief Fund. Applicants for the Disaster Assistance Program must be either political subdivisions of the State or non-profit organizations which fulfill a governmental role within the community they serve. This includes all NM Counties. The types of disasters that are eligible are: debris removal; emergency protective devices ( i.e. dikes, sandbagging, etc.); roads & related structures; water control facilities; public buildings, vehicles & equipment; public utilities; parks and recreation & other. NM Association of Counties are in support of this legislation.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$150,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

DFA noted the proposed legislation provides for a total funding appropriation of \$150,000; however, provides no definition for “disaster”, no criteria for disbursement, and/or procedures on disbursement.

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